

**EVENING MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 22, 2001
MINUTES**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. in The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on February 22, 2001. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to Ballroom II on the 2nd floor in the Hotel.

Mr. George Walker, SBCJC Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. The following members were present: Brenda Collins, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth, John Junkin, Veldore Heidelberg, Jimmy Murphy, George Walker and Lawrence Warren. Ms. Yvonne Brown was absent. State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) staff present included: Ive Burnett, Becky Cade, Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Jason Pugh, Olon E. Ray and Wayne Stonecypher.

Mr. Walker called on Dr. Ray to introduce Jason Pugh and Ive Burnett. Prior to introducing them Dr. Ray shared with members the fact that Randall Bradberry's mother had been in a car accident and was in the Tupelo hospital in intensive care. He also mentioned that Joan Layzell, wife of Dr. Tom Layzell, Commissioner of the Institutions of Higher Learning, is in the hospital in Springfield, Illinois and is scheduled for surgery on a brain tumor, and that Sandra Lucas' father was in the hospital due to congestive heart problems.

Dr. Ray then proceeded to introduce Mr. Jason Pugh, Director of Distance Learning, and Mr. Ive Burnett, Technical Specialist/Webmaster, to provide members with a presentation on the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC). Mr. Pugh presented first and began his presentation by distributing several handouts, including, but not limited to, a brochure about the MSVCC and the Mississippi Electronic Libraries On-Line (MELO). (Refer to Attachment A.) Additionally, he shared with members graphics and handouts that present an overview of Spring Semester, 2001 Enrollment data and Fall 2000 Semester faculty and student survey results. (Refer to Attachments B and C.) Mr. Burnett followed Mr. Pugh's presentation by presenting members with graphics that described in layman terms the network through which the MSVCC operates and the data base program that he has developed to use in enrolling, tracking and reporting MSVCC students. Ive also provided members with examples of other work that he is performing for the MSVCC. Discussion ensued and Dr. Ray commended both individuals for their excellent work, dedication and commitment.

Mr. Walker then called on Ms. Sara Fox, Finance Board Liaison to review the following finance agenda items:

- 1) General Fund 2298 Disbursements for March 2001 of \$5,866,328; (Ms. Deborah Gilbert explained that these disbursements were adjusted to account for the 5% cut in general funds to the colleges. Adjustments had to be made in vocational/technical and part-time academic categories due to the fact that those funds had already been distributed earlier in the fiscal year (January) to the colleges.)
- 2) February 28, 2001 Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for Funds 4080 and 4110 of \$2,276,847;

- 3) Z-1 Budget Revisions for both the Support and Administrative Budgets;
 - a) Support
 - 1) Revision #1 – 5% General Fund Cut of \$7,234,461
 - 2) Revision #2 – House Bill 400 Cuts of \$5,255,177
 - 3) Revision #3 - 1¢ Education Enhancement Fund Cuts of \$1,609,120
 - b) Administration
 - 1) Revision #1 – Major Object Transfer \$47,627 (Shifted data network backbone costs from subsidies, loans and grants to contractual services.)
 - 2) Revision #2 – House Bill 400 Cuts of \$2,113,498 (This revision included an increase for Interest Earned on Telecommunications Bond Funds of \$186,096.)
- 4) Reports analyzing the Fiscal Year 2002 Legislative Budget Recommendations utilizing Fall 2000 Enrollment figures (Proposed college losses range from a low at Coahoma of \$503,461 to a high at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College of \$5,452,753.);
- 5) Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291 and 4300;
- 6) Land, Buildings, Improvements, Furniture, Machinery and Equipment as of June 30, 1999;
- 7) A report on Bond Indebtedness (This report was completed in response to a request from Mr. John Junkin at a prior board meeting.);
- 8) A report providing Budgeted Fiscal Year 2001 Faculty and Staff Positions by Full-Time and Part-Time Full Time Equivalency (FTE) (This report was completed in response to a request from Joanna Heidel.); and
- 9) In other business a report was presented that provided an overview of the effect of the budget cuts on all agencies if the Education Enhancement Fund cuts were evenly spread across all budgets, and a report on House vs. Senate versions of Senate Bills 3100 and 3101.

Mr. Walker then called on Joanna Heidel, Program Board Liaison, to discuss any program agenda items. Ms. Heidel explained that there were no program items to discuss this month and shared with members the fact that next month the status of vocational/technical programs would be discussed and, if applicable programs would either be put on or taken off of probation.

Mr. Walker called on Dr. Ray for general comments. Dr. Ray invited all members to ask questions and for information at any time. He also shared with members the fact that the SBCJC's administrative budget was not included in the last round of 5% cuts.

There being no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.